(c) if so, the details therof; and

(d) whether the changes asked for could help in implementing the original objectives for which the approval was granted to Pepsi Foods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited has applied for amendments in the terms of approval granted to them. Government have not yet taken a decision in this regard.

Processing of pears/tomato by M/s Pepsi Foods

1258. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in 'National Herald' dated 20th September 1991 captioned 'Record Processing of pears, tomato by Pepsi Foods';

(b) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Foods has processed 22,000 tons of tomatoes;

(c) the quantity of tomato paste which has been manufactured by Pepsi Foods?

(d) the quantity of tomato paste that has been exported out of this; and

(e) the reason for the poor export performance of tomato paste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information furnished by the company the details of tomato processed and exports are as under:—

Period	Tomato processed (tons)	Paste (tons)	Export (tons)
Upto 31-3-91	2151	297	294
1-4-91 to 31-12-91	21611	2354	603

(e) The company has informed that there has been an unprecendented boom in the worldwide tomato paste production causing a drastic fall in the prices in the international market. The company proposes to export larger quantities of paste only fter the prices harden in the next couple of months.